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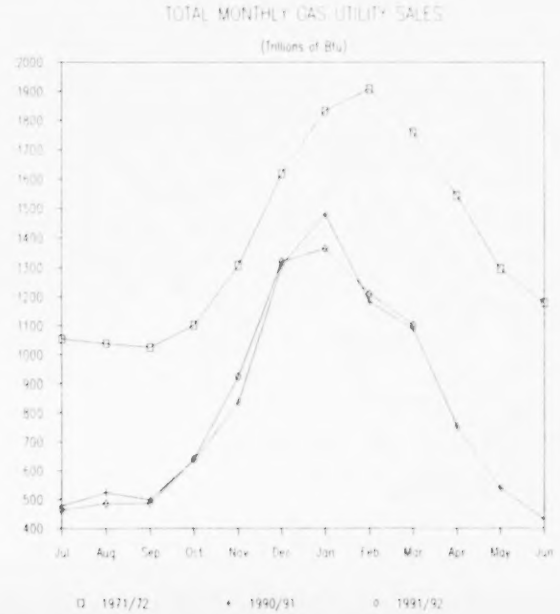
MARCH 1992

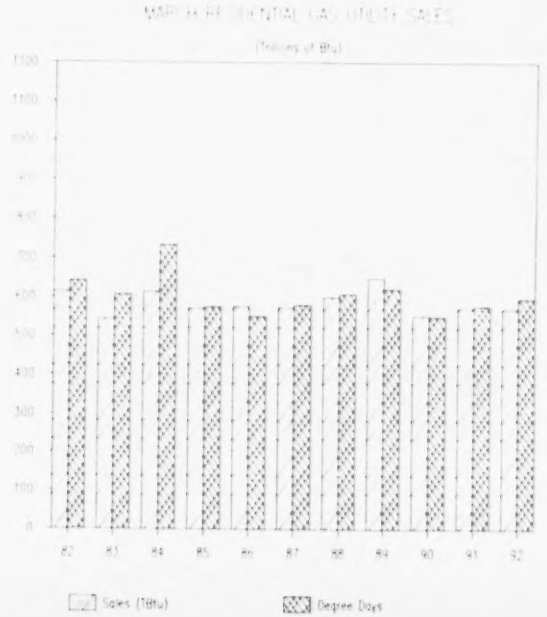
Residential and commercial sales decreased while industrial and electric generation sales increased in March 1992 compared with last year. Total utility sales increased from 1,087.1 trillion Btu in March 1991 to 1,100.6 trillion Btu in March 1992. March transportation volumes to end users increased 20.1 percent compared with last year.

GAS UTILITY VOLUMES TO ULTIMATE CONSUMERS (Trillions of Btu)

	March			Heating Season (Nov.-Mar.)		January 1 to December 31		
	1992	1991	%Change[1]	1992	(% Change) Last Period	1992 Forecast[2]	1991	%Change
Residential	569.5	570.6	- 0.2	3,210.2	+ 2.9	4,560.9	4,577.4	- 0.4
Commercial	256.6	261.0	- 1.7	1,423.2	- 0.4	2,195.7	2,215.3	- 0.9
Industrial*	176.2	168.9	+ 4.4	855.3	- 7.9	1,793.3	1,836.5	- 2.4
Elec. Gen.*	78.3	67.2	+16.5	322.2	+ 4.6	990.9	972.7	+ 1.9
Other	20.0	19.4	-	102.2	-	176.9	183.7	-
Total Sales	1,100.6	1,187.1	+ 1.2	5,913.1	+ 0.4	9,717.7	9,785.6	- 0.7
Transportation*	403.8	336.2	+20.1	2,053.0	+15.9	4,810.1	4,656.9	+ 3.3
Total Volumes	1,504.4	1,423.3	+ 5.7	7,966.1	+14.4	14,527.8	14,442.5	+ 0.6**
Degree Days***	595	576	+ 3.3	3,489	+ 0.2			

*Significant sales volumes have been displaced by transportation volumes.
**No direct comparison with EIA consumption figures should be made.
***Source: NOAA (weighted by Gas Homeheating Customers - Normal for March is 657)





RESIDENTIAL APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS - MARCH

(Thousands of Units)

		1992	1991	% Change '91 vs '92
Domestic Ranges	- Gas	207.6	193.1	+ 7.5
	- Electric	300.1	276.9	+ 8.4
Clothes Dryers	- Gas	107.4	76.6	+40.2
	- Electric	327.3	267.2	+22.5
Water Heaters	- Gas	364.1	331.5	+ 9.8
	- Electric	287.5	268.2	+ 7.2
Warm Air Furnaces	- Gas	158.1	125.6	+25.9
	- Electric	17.8	18.8	- 5.3
	- Oil	7.6	6.3	+19.1
Boilers	- Gas	12.4	9.4	+31.4
	- Oil	7.9	5.1	+56.0

Source: Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA).
Association of Home Appliances Manufacturers.

SPOT PRICES TO GAS DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES

(March 1992)

Receipt Point	Price ($/MMBtu)[a]
Northeast	$1.77
Southeast	$1.63
Midwest	$2.04
Southwest	$1.30
West	$2.07
Total	$1.76

Source: American Gas Association
[a]Represents average price paid at receipt point for a one-month contract.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS - MARCH

	1992	1991	% Change '91 vs '92
Total Actual Private Housing Starts (Thous. of units)	111.6	73.8	+51.2
Consumer Price Index (All urban, unadjusted, 1982 - 1984 = 100)			
Gas (utility pipe gas)	97.1	98.9	- 1.8
Electricity	120.7	118.9	+ 1.5
Fuel Oil	87.6	98.2	-10.8
Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics			
Index Total Gas Sales (1972 = 100)	62.6	61.8	+ 1.2
Gas Utility Prices ($/MMBtu)			
Residential	5.27	5.41	- 2.4
Commercial	4.73	4.89	- 3.3
Industrial	2.85	3.20	-10.9
Electric Generation	2.03	2.60	-21.9
Total	4.48	4.72	- 5.1
Carriage Volumes[3](TBtu)			
To Ultimate Consumers	403.8	336.2	+20.1
For Ultimate Consumers	192.9	189.3	+ 1.9
For Resale	413.6	314.7	+31.4
Total	1,010.3	840.1	+20.3

Source: American Gas Association

AVERAGE GAS UTILITY PRICES - 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDING

($/MMBtu)

Year	Month	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind. Only	Elec. Gen.	Other
1982	Dec.	4.456	4.969	4.721	3.969	4.090	4.303
1983	Dec.	5.120	5.882	5.508	4.486	4.198	4.921
1984	Dec.	5.128	5.938	5.511	4.410	4.222	4.869
1985	Dec.	5.017	5.953	5.441	4.248	3.812	4.791
1986	Dec.	4.602	5.652	5.035	3.650	2.726	4.025
1987	Dec.	4.315	5.387	4.764	3.112	2.511	3.427
1988	Dec.	4.313	5.288	4.632	3.040	2.545	3.359
1989	Dec.	4.503	5.455	4.769	3.167	2.694	3.102
1990	Dec.	4.569	5.595	4.838	3.193	2.645	3.239
1991[P]	Mar.	4.590	5.611	4.828	3.164	2.628	3.147
	Apr.	4.602	5.631	4.836	3.141	2.648	3.144
	May	4.608	5.643	4.842	3.123	2.646	3.126
	June	4.614	5.653	4.844	3.123	2.629	3.113
	July	4.618	5.661	4.845	3.106	2.629	3.079
	Aug.	4.615	5.669	4.845	3.082	2.538	3.079
	Sep.	4.607	5.674	4.844	3.057	2.455	3.056
	Oct.	4.607	5.680	4.847	3.031	2.440	3.060
	Nov.	4.597	5.656	4.821	3.009	2.437	3.034
	Dec.	4.587	5.644	4.821	2.973	2.415	3.019
1992[P]	Jan.	4.577	5.640	4.819	2.953	2.364	2.976
	Feb.	4.576	5.630	4.817	2.960	2.353	2.948
	Mar.	4.549	5.614	4.798	2.926	2.311	2.901

AVERAGE MONTHLY GAS UTILITY PRICES

($/MMBtu)

Year	Month	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind. & Elec.	Ind. Only	Elec. Only
1990	Mar.	4.74	5.39	4.89	3.10	3.38	2.39
	Apr.	4.55	5.42	4.82	2.88	3.18	2.26
	May	4.40	5.77	4.65	2.80	3.04	2.45
	June	4.35	6.48	4.84	2.70	2.96	2.42
	July	4.16	6.85	4.78	2.67	2.82	2.54
	Aug.	4.06	6.89	4.80	2.77	2.88	2.68
	Sep.	4.13	6.62	4.77	2.78	2.85	2.57
	Oct.	4.28	5.95	4.69	2.78	2.95	2.55
	Nov.	4.67	5.49	4.78	3.25	3.27	3.18
	Dec.	4.78	5.39	4.81	3.32	3.39	3.07
1991[P]	Jan.	4.83	5.40	4.92	3.29	3.54	2.69
	Feb.	4.88	5.39	4.88	3.37	3.39	3.27
	Mar.	4.72	5.41	4.89	3.03	3.20	2.60
	Apr.	4.70	5.66	4.92	2.78	2.88	2.52
	May	4.49	6.03	4.73	2.62	2.78	2.31
	June	4.47	6.87	4.91	2.60	2.96	2.16
	July	4.22	7.13	4.80	2.55	2.58	2.52
	Aug.	3.95	7.22	4.81	2.32	2.60	2.03
	Sep.	3.96	6.80	4.73	2.22	2.51	1.86
	Oct.	4.29	6.06	4.74	2.56	2.65	2.43
	Nov.	4.55	5.29	4.53	3.07	3.04	3.19
	Dec.	4.71	5.32	4.80	2.99	3.08	2.72
1992[P]	Jan.	4.78	5.36	4.92	3.01	3.45	2.11
	Feb.	4.86	5.34	4.87	3.37	3.53	2.86
	Mar.	4.48	5.27	4.73	2.60	2.85	2.03

[1]Gas volumes are based on, and the percent change is a function of, the 69 sample companies whose sales constitute about 60% of total gas utility sales to ultimate consumers. The peak year in total sales for the gas utility industry occurred in 1972.
[2]1992 forecasts for the residential and commercial sectors are based on available 1992 monthly data with the remaining months derived by using a four year average. The industrial sector forecast (industrial only, electric generation, and transportation) is also based on available 1992 monthly data with the remaining months of 1992 heavily weighted by last year's volumes with no adjustment made for degree days.
[3]Carriage volumes determined by using a simple straight expansion of sample data to represent the total gas utility industry. Carriage volumes for ultimate consumers are volumes owned by the ultimate consumer but delivered to another transporter, not the ultimate consumer, and are therefore broken out to eliminate double counting of volumes delivered to ultimate consumers.
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